

Claims:

1. A roof ridge vent, comprising:
a continuous, elongate strip of ventilation material providing a plurality
of ventilation passageways therein and having a pair of
longitudinally-extending outer peripheral side edges that
provide paths of ventilation therethrough; and
air permeable filter material attached to said ventilation material;
said ventilation material having a longitudinally-extending central
section extending between a pair of longitudinally-extending
outer sections and having upper and lower faces that extend
across said central and outer sections;
said filter material extending on said side edges and said upper and
lower faces of said outer sections of said ventilation material;
and
at least a portion of said upper and lower faces of said central section
of said ventilation material remaining exposed and uncovered
by said filter material.
2. A roof ridge vent according to claim 1, wherein said elongate strip of
ventilation material is an openwork mat of randomly convoluted polymeric filaments.
3. A roof ridge vent according to claim 1, wherein said ventilation material
has a plurality of hollow, openwork spacer elements projecting from one of said upper

and lower faces of said ventilation material to space said upper face of said ventilation material from said lower face.

4. A roof ridge vent according to claim 1, wherein said central section of said ventilation material is transparent.

5. A roof ridge vent according to claim 1, wherein said elongate strip of ventilation material is selected from a group consisting of a fibrous mat, a thermoplastic web having hollow spacer elements, and a corrugated material.

6. A roof ridge vent, comprising:

a continuous strip of openwork material providing a plurality of

ventilation passageways therein and having a pair of
longitudinally-extending outer peripheral side edges that
provide paths of ventilation therethrough; and

air permeable filter material attached to said openwork material;

said openwork material having a longitudinally-extending central

section extending between a pair of longitudinally-extending
outer sections and having upper and lower faces that extend
across said central and outer sections;

said filter material extending on said side edges and said upper and

lower faces of said outer sections of said openwork material;

at least a portion of said upper and lower faces of said central section
of said openwork material remaining exposed and uncovered by
said filter material; and
said central section of said openwork material having a plurality of
openings so that said central section is substantially transparent;
whereby, during installation of said vent on an underlying roof ridge having an open
slot, the underlying roof ridge and slot are clearly visible to an installer of said vent
through said central section of said vent.

7. A roof ridge vent according to claim 6, wherein said openwork material is a
mat of randomly convoluted polymeric filaments.

8. A roof ridge vent according to claim 7, wherein said mat of randomly
convoluted polymeric filaments is formed with a plurality of cusps.

9. A roof ridge vent installation comprising a roof having a ridge with an
elongate open slot, a ridge vent secured to said roof overlying said ridge and open slot,
and cap shingles secured to said roof and overlying said ridge vent, said vent being a
length of ventilation material providing ventilation passageways therein and having a
pair of longitudinally-extending side edges that provide paths of ventilation
therethrough, said ventilation material having a longitudinally-extending central
section extending between a pair of longitudinally-extending outer sections, said
central section being substantially transparent, whereby, during installation of said

vent on said roof ridge, said underlying roof ridge and slot are visible through said central section of said ridge vent.

10. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 9, wherein said ridge vent is a continuous, elongate strip of openwork material having upper and lower faces that extend across said central and outer sections, wherein air permeable filter material is secured to said openwork material and extends over said side edges and said upper and lower faces of said outer sections of said openwork material, and wherein at least a portion of said upper and lower faces of said central section of said openwork material remains exposed and uncovered by said filter material and is transparent.

11. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 10, wherein said openwork material is a mat of randomly convoluted polymeric filaments having a plurality of openings.

12. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 11, wherein said mat of randomly convoluted polymeric filaments is formed with a plurality of cusps that space said upper face from said lower face.

13. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 12, wherein said lower face of said openwork material faces said roof, and wherein said air permeable filter material extending on said lower face does not extend across said open slot in said ridge of said roof.

14. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 13, wherein said air permeable filter material extending on said lower face does not overlie said open slot.

15. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 12, wherein said upper face of said openwork material faces said cap shingles, wherein said cap shingles are secured to each outer section of said vent along a longitudinally extending nail line, and wherein said air permeable filter material on each of said outer sections of said vent extends continuously on said upper face from said side edge to beyond said nail line.

16. A roof ridge vent installation according to claim 9, wherein said length of ventilation material is selected from a group consisting of a fibrous mat, a thermoplastic web having hollow spacer elements, and a corrugated material.

17. A method of installing a roof ridge vent, comprising the steps of:
placing an elongate strip of openwork material over an open slot
formed along a roof ridge, said openwork material providing a
plurality of ventilation passageways therein and having a pair of
longitudinally-extending outer peripheral side edges that
provide paths of ventilation therethrough;
viewing the open slot and roof ridge through a longitudinally-extending
central portion of said openwork material to ensure proper
alignment of said openwork material on the roof ridge;

securing said openwork material to said roof ridge after said viewing step.

18. A method according to claim 17, wherein said central portion of said openwork material has a plurality of openings through which said underlying roof ridge and open slot are visible during said viewing step.

19. A method according to claim 18, wherein said openwork material has air permeable filter material extending over said side edges and on upper and lower faces of said openwork material, and wherein said central portion of said upper and lower faces of said openwork material are exposed and uncovered by said filter material so that said underlying roof ridge and open slot are visible through said central portion during said viewing step.

20. A method according to claim 19, wherein said openwork material is positioned on said roof ridge such that said air permeable filter material does not overlie the open slot.

21. A method according to claim 20, further comprising the step of securing cap shingles on said openwork material along a pair of nail lines such that said air permeable material extending on said upper face of said openwork material extends continuously from each side edge to beyond an adjacent one of said nail lines.

22. A method according to claim 17, wherein said openwork material is provided in a spiral roll and is unrolled lengthwise on the roof ridge during said placing step.

23. A method according to claim 17, wherein said elongate strip of openwork material is selected from a group consisting of a mat of randomly convoluted polymeric filaments having cusps, a fibrous mat, a thermoplastic web having hollow spacer elements, and a corrugated material.